

# Pacific Steel and Recycling (PSR) EPA CID Investigation #1000-0487 (DRAFT)





# PSR OVERVIEW:

- Pacific Steel and Recycling is a multi-state corporation with approximately 35 offices in 9 states and 1 in Canada.
- Pacific Steel and Recycling employees approximately 750 employees.
- Pacific Steel and Recycling (Spokane) is located at 1154 North Ralph Street in Spokane, Washington.

Pacific Steel and Recycling Spokane employs approximately 35 employees.



# Chemical Release on 8/12/2015

## Background:

- Property located at 8119 North Regal Spokane, WA is owned by IBEX Construction and [REDACTED]





# Chemical Release on 8/12/2015

## Background:

- [REDACTED] contracts with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Auctions to remonmve scrap material and excess equipment from the North Regal property:





# Chemical Release on 8/12/2015

## Background:

- [REDACTED] contracts with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Industries to remove scrap material from the North Regal property:





# Chemical Release on 8/12/2015

## Background:

- Beck Industries contracts with Pacific Steel and Recycling to haul scrap material from the North Regal property, [REDACTED] is the PSR [REDACTED]





# Chemical Release on 8/12/2015

## Background:

- [REDACTED] is the PSR [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] tells [REDACTED] there is a tank in the load he is about to deliver to PSR facility. [REDACTED] has acknowledged this fact.

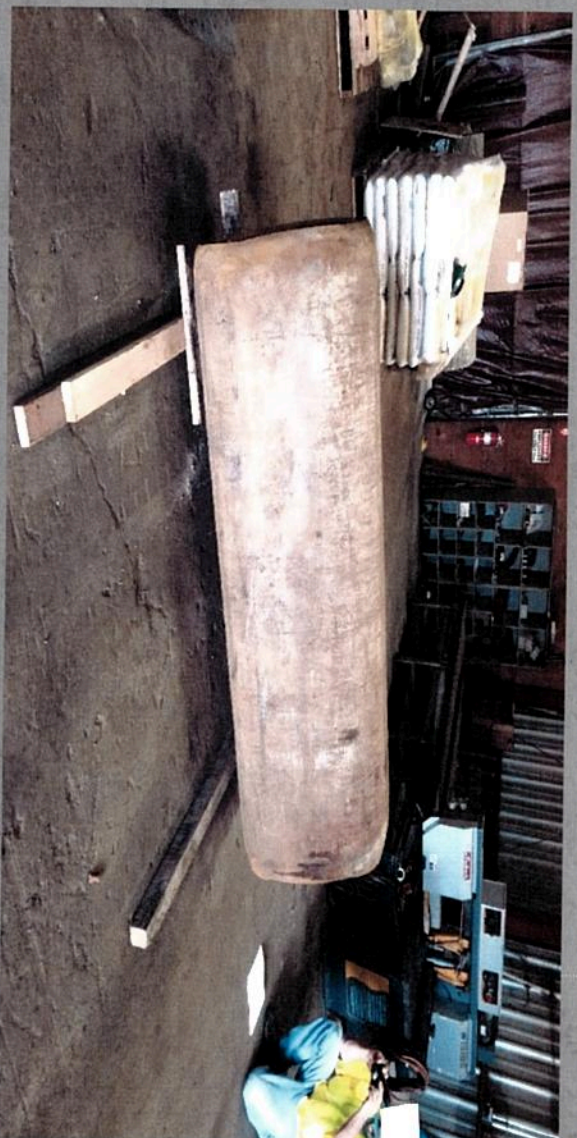




# Chemical Release on 8/12/2015

## Background:

- [REDACTED] delivers this one ton cylinder to PSR facility

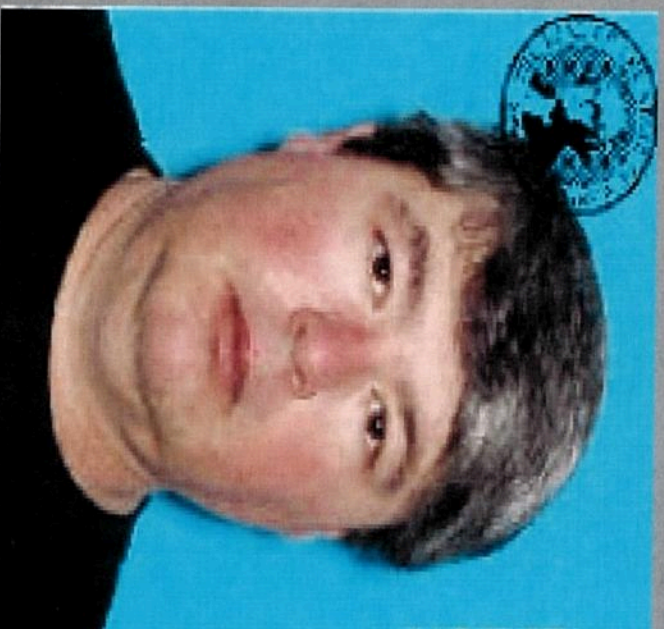




# Chemical Release on 8/12/2015

## Background:

- PSR employee Ed Dumaw places this one ton cylinder to PSR Metso Sheer





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## Background:

- At approximately 0940 hours, PSR [REDACTED] and Metso Sheet [REDACTED] begins to crush the pressurized cylinder:





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Spokane Fire and Fairchild Air Force Base Hazmat teams respond:





# Chemical Release on 8/12/2015 aftermath:

- Five PSR employees & Cast Truck Driver are taken to the hospital.
- Ed Dumnaw (deceased)
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Multiple city employees and a number of unknown people report themselves to local hospitals for exposure.



# WA Labor and Industries Report

Violation	Item	Group	Type	Standard	Penalty	Instances	Abatement Days/Date	Date Corrected
1	1		S	296-800-14025	3,300.00	1		8/13/2015
1	2		S	296-800-14020	3,300.00	1		8/13/2015

Total Penalty: \$6,600.00

1-1 APP not effective in practice

1-2 Training programs not effective in practice



# Lister email:

(LNI)

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**From:** (LNI)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 1:32 PM  
**To:** (LNI)  
**Cc:** (LNI)  
**Subject:** Pacific Steel - update from safety guy

Thanks for passing on (sp?) request for a call-back. I called him at 1:15 this afternoon. (Pacific Steel safety guy)

He said:

- Clean Harbors decontaminated some employees' personal effects in the breakroom, as people wanted them back.
- In the side pocket of lunchbox they found a packet of synthetic urine and a warmer.
- is a supervisor, and runs the shear (the machine in which the cylinder ruptured).
- Pacific wanted to have a post-accident urine test done, and was told by their "workers' comp counsel" that they could not. Now that they have another reason, he's going to revisit that.

He wanted to know if we'd had a urine test done; I explained that we do not do that.



# From the WA Labor and Industries Report:

- “Chlorine tanks that have not been decommissioned would not be reasonably anticipated.”